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Introduction

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are industrially manufactured chemicals, that contain at least one fully fluorinated methyl or methylene carbon atom (without any H/Cl/Br/I atom attached to it) [1]. This definition is also chosen in the document (see 3.1). According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), PFAS is a chemical family consisting of more than 8 000 individual substances [2]. They are a group of widely used man-made chemicals. The perfluoroalkyl substances are persistent and can accumulate over time in humans and in the environment. Because of their special properties and stability, some of these compounds were widely used in industry, as components in firefighting foams or for consumer products and can now be found ubiquitous as background contamination in the environment [3].

PFAS - especially the shorter-chain - can enter the water cycle as a result of manufacture, application and disposal. PFAS are included in the EU Drinking Water Directive EU 2020/2184 [4] as parameter to be under surveillance with a maximum parametric limit value of 0,10 µg/l for the sum of 20 selected PFAS, i.e. the perfluorinated carbonic acids as well as the perfluorinated sulfonic acids with chain length of four to thirteen carbon atoms.

Longer-chain compounds such as PFOA, PFNA, PFHxS, and PFOS accumulate in the blood and the liver, and their half-lives in the human body amount to several years. In 2020 the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has derived a tolerably weekly intake (TWI) for the sum of the four substances PFOA, PFNA, PFHxS and PFOS of 4,4 ng/kg body weight based on epidemiological studies and the most sensitive effect on the human immune system [5].

Due to the low TWI the EFSA recommends for the four substances PFOA, PFNA, PFHxS, and PFOS, the analysis of at least these four EFSA-PFAS should be possible with a limit of detection far below the maximum parametric limit value of 0,10 µg/l.

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IMPORTANT — It is absolutely essential that tests conducted in accordance with this document be carried out by suitably qualified staff.

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the dissolved fraction of selected perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in non-filtrated drinking water using liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). The applicability of the method to other types of water like fresh waters (e.g. ground water, surface water) or treated wastewater can be validated separately for each individual case.

For each target compound both, eventually occurring branched isomers and the respective non-branched isomer, are quantified together. The selected set of substances determined by this method is representative for a wide variety of PFAS. This method has been validated for the analytes specified in Table 1. The list given in this table can be modified depending on the purpose and focus of the method. The lower application range of this method can vary depending on the sensitivity of the equipment used and the matrix of the samples. For many substances to which this document applies a limit of quantification (LOQ) of 1 ng/l can be achieved. Using high volume direct injection as described in part A or SPE as described in part B of the method allows lower LOQs. Analytical limitations can occur with short-chain PFAS or PFAS with more than ten carbon atoms in the carbon chain. Actual LOQs can depend on the blank values realized by individual laboratories as well.

NOTE This document enables the analysis of those 20 PFAS which are listed in point 3 of Part B of Annex III of the EU Drinking Water Directive, EU 2020/2184 [4], for the surveillance of the parametric limit value of 0,10 µg/l for the sum of PFAS.

Furthermore, alternatives and substitutes for these PFAS substances can be analysed using this document as well.

Table 1 — Analytes for which a determination was validated in accordance with this method

Analyte	IUPAC name ^{a)}	Formula	Abbreviation	CAS-RN ^{b)}
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -butanoic acid	2,2,3,3,4,4,4-Heptafluorobutanoic acid	C ₄ HF ₇ O ₂	PFBA	375-22-4
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -pentanoic acid	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,5-Nonafluoropentanoic acid	C ₅ HF ₉ O ₂	PFPeA	2706-90-3
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -hexanoic acid	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-Undecafluorohexanoic acid	C ₆ HF ₁₁ O ₂	PFHxA	307-24-4
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -heptanoic acid	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,7-Tridecafluoroheptanoic acid	C ₇ HF ₁₃ O ₂	PFHpA	375-85-9
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -octanoic acid	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-Pentadecafluorooctanoic acid	C ₈ HF ₁₅ O ₂	PFOA	335-67-1
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -nonanoic acid	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,9-Heptadecafluorononanoic acid	C ₉ HF ₁₇ O ₂	PFNA	375-95-1
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -decanoic acid	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Nonadecafluorodecanoic acid	C ₁₀ HF ₁₉ O ₂	PFDA	335-76-2
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -undecanoic acid	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,11,11,11-Heneicosafluoroundecanoic acid	C ₁₁ HF ₂₁ O ₂	PFUnDA	2058-94-8
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -dodecanoic acid	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,11,11,12,12,12-Tricosafluorododecanoic acid	C ₁₂ HF ₂₃ O ₂	PFDoDA	307-55-1

Analyte	IUPAC name ^{a)}	Formula	Abbreviation	CAS-RN ^{b)}
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -tridecanoic acid	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,11,11,12,12,13,13,13-Pentacos-fluorotridecanoic acid	C ₁₃ HF ₂₅ O ₂	PFTTrDA	72629-94-8
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -butanesulfonic acid	1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,4-Nonafluorobutane-1-sulfonic acid	C ₄ HF ₉ O ₃ S	PFBS	375-73-5
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -pentanesulfonic acid	1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,5-Undecafluoropentane-1-sulfonic acid	C ₅ HF ₁₁ O ₃ S	PFPeS	2706-91-4
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -hexanesulfonic acid	1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-Tridecafluorohexane-1-sulfonic acid	C ₆ HF ₁₃ O ₃ S	PFHxS	355-46-4
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -heptanesulfonic acid	1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,7-Pentadecafluoroheptane-1-sulfonic acid	C ₇ HF ₁₅ O ₃ S	PFHpS	375-92-8
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -octanesulfonic acid	1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-Heptadecafluorooctane-1-sulfonic acid	C ₈ HF ₁₇ O ₃ S	PFOS	1763-23-1
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -nonanesulfonic acid	1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,9-Nonaadecafluorononane-1-sulfonic acid	C ₉ HF ₁₉ O ₃ S	PFNS	68259-12-1
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -decanesulfonic acid	1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heneicosfluorodecane-1-sulfonic acid	C ₁₀ HF ₂₁ O ₃ S	PFDS	335-77-3
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -undecanesulfonic acid	1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,11,11,11-Tricosfluoroundecane-1-sulfonic acid	C ₁₁ HF ₂₃ O ₃ S	PFUnDS	749786-16-1
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -dodecanesulfonic acid	1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,11,11,12,12,12-Pentacosfluorododecane-1-sulfonic acid	C ₁₂ HF ₂₅ O ₃ S	PFDoDS	79780-39-5
Perfluoro- <i>n</i> -tridecanesulfonic acid	1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,11,11,12,12,13,13,13-Heptacosfluorotridecane-1-sulfonic acid	C ₁₃ HF ₂₇ O ₃ S	PFTTrDS	791563-89-8
4:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonic acid	3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-Nonafluorohexane-1-sulfonic acid	C ₆ H ₅ F ₉ O ₃ S	4:2 FTSA	757124-72-4
6:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonic acid	3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-Tridecafluorooctane-1-sulfonic acid	C ₈ H ₅ F ₁₃ O ₃ S	6:2 FTSA	27619-97-2
8:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonic acid	3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecane-1-sulfonic acid	C ₁₀ H ₅ F ₁₇ O ₃ S	8:2 FTSA	39108-34-4
Perfluorooctanesulfonamide	1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-Heptadecafluoro-1-octanesulfonamide	C ₈ H ₂ F ₁₇ NO ₂ S	FOSA	754-91-6

Analyte	IUPAC name ^{a)}	Formula	Abbreviation	CAS-RN ^{b)}
<i>N</i> -ethyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid	2-[Ethyl(1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-heptafluorooctylsulfonyl)amino]acetic acid	C ₁₂ H ₈ F ₁₇ NO ₄ S	EtFOSAA	2991-50-6
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid	2,3,3,3-Tetrafluoro-2-(1,1,2,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropoxy)propanoic acid	C ₆ HF ₁₁ O ₃	HFPO-DA	13252-13-6
4,8-Dioxa-3 <i>H</i> -perfluorononanoic acid	2,2,3-Trifluoro-3-[1,1, 2,2,3,3-hexafluoro-3-(trifluoromethoxy)propoxy]propanoic acid	C ₇ H ₂ F ₁₂ O ₄	DONA	919005-14-4
Perfluoro-3-methoxypropanoic acid	2,2,3,3-Tetrafluoro-3-(trifluoromethoxy)propanoic acid	C ₄ HF ₇ O ₃	PFMPA (PF40PeA)	377-73-1
9-Chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxanonane-1-sulfonic acid	2-(6-Chloro-1,1,2,2, 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6-dodecafluorohexoxy)-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethanesulfonic acid	C ₈ HClF ₁₆ O ₄ S	9Cl-PF3ONS	73606-19-6
^{a)} IUPAC: International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry ^{b)} CAS-RN: Chemical Abstract Services Registry Number				

2 Normative references

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ISO 5667-1, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 1: Guidance on the design of sampling programmes and sampling techniques*

ISO 5667-3, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 3: Preservation and handling of water samples*

ISO 5667-5, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 5: Guidance on sampling of drinking water from treatment works and piped distribution systems*

ISO 8466-1, *Water quality — Calibration and evaluation of analytical methods — Part 1: Linear calibration function*

ISO 8466-2, *Water quality — Calibration and evaluation of analytical methods and estimation of performance characteristics — Part 2: Calibration strategy for non-linear second-order calibration functions*

3 Terms and definitions

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